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Plans For Negro Fair Day Abandoned

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TULSA, Okla. — (ANP) — The Tulsa State Fair was held Sept. 18-23 without a special day called Negro Achievement Day as originally planned.

When Robert W. Adams, fair official announced the plan for a special day "to lend emphasis to the Negro contribution to the city, state and nation," many Negro leaders protested it as a move to increase segregation.

Roscoe Dunjee, editor of The Black Dispatch, Oklahoma City, spoke bitterly against the plan. As early as March 7, the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (Tulsa) condemned the plan in a resolution.

The alert action of these leaders and other citizens of the Tulsa area prevented what might have been a jim crow fair.

Colored Tri-State Fair Opens Today—Expect Huge Crowd

More than 15,000 visitors are expected to flow through the gates at the Fairgrounds today as the 38th annual Colored Tri-State Fair begins a four-day showing.

The gates will open at 10 a.m. with a band concert and parade to the Merchants Building. High school bands from Booker T. Washington, Hamilton, Melrose and Manassas will participate.

Fair officials estimated yesterday that attendance will topple last year's figure of more than 52,000 if the weather remains fair.

More Exhibits?

"We have four times as many commercial exhibits this year and three fine herds of purebred cattle at the fair," R. C. Roddy, fair manager, said.

Today's program will feature eight contests with prizes ranging up to $100.

Some 25 Future Farmers of America teams and 10 4-H Club teams representing three states will judge livestock and field crops at 9:30 a.m. with $100 in prizes in each division.

Meanwhile, 10 home economics girl teams and eight 4-H Club girls teams will compete in separate contests for prizes in cooking, sewing, and lecture demonstrations. The contests will be held in the Women's Building.

At 1:30 p.m. a calf scramble will be held in the livestock arena. A number of NFA boys are expected to climb into the arena and try to halter six calves with a six-foot piece of rope, which they will own if they succeed.

Calf Scramble

A juvenile quiz show, an attraction for children up to six years of age, will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Women's Building.

The final event, a tiny tot fashion show, will be held at 6 p.m.

Admission to the fair will be 60 cents for adults and 25 cents for children, except tomorrow when children will be admitted for 15 cents.

Negro schools in Memphis and Shelby County will be closed tomorrow for Children's Day at the Fair.

Fair hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. except Sunday when the gates will open at 2 p.m.

NEGRO FAIR MAY SET ALL-TIME GATE RECORD

Mississippi, Arkansas To Be Honored Today—Tomorrow Is Final Day

By WILLIAM BOOZER

With attendance so far indicating an all-time record, the Colored Tri-State Fair moves into the third phase of its four-day run this morning with observance of Arkansas and Mississippi Day.

Thousands of school-age children swarmed the midway, viewed exhibits and other attractions yesterday to mark the festival's popular Children's Day feature. The 38th annual event will end tomorrow.

Parades, Concerts

Highlighting today's program will be a livestock demonstration from 12 to 2 p.m., band parades and concerts, a Junior League puppet show at 1 p.m., a talent show at 7, and a fireworks display at 8. Fair hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., except tomorrow, when the gates will be open at 2 p.m.

A real magnet yesterday was the 65-member Booker T. Washington High School Band, which staged two parades and concerts under the direction of W. T. McDaniel. Performing today will be the Hamilton High School Band, directed by Nelson Jackson.

Winning top honors in college exhibit competition yesterday was Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State College, Nashville. The institution, which only last month assumed university status, won with a massive display featuring the various fields of education it offers. In charge is W. V. Harper, co-ordinator of industrial relations.

Popular Exhibits

Second place went to AM&N College, Pine Bluff, Ark., and Mississippi Vocational College of Itta Bena won third honors. The exhibits are in the Woman's Building.

Other popular exhibits include a display of painting, wood carvings, ceramics, commercial art and leathercraft from Hayes Academy of Art, 964 Florida. The exhibit is under direction of Euless T. Hunt, assistant director.

Other exhibits in the Woman's Building are sponsored by the Bluff City Parent-Teacher Council, City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the art class of Mount Olive Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, Wives Club of the YWCA, Hometowner's Club, City Beautiful, Memphis and Shelby County Council of Girl Scouts, National Trade School, Melrose School and Adults Sewing Club.

In this year's livestock events, Percy Brown, vocational school teacher at Frayser, noted a "marked improvement, both in number of entries and quality."

"Times are changing," he said, "and we're urging farmers, who were raised on cotton, to grow more livestock."

Brown is in charge of the junior division of the livestock show. Floyd Richmond, a student at Tennessee A&I, is directing the senior livestock events, while Ernest Brazzle, assistant Shelby County agent, has charge of the Fair's Agricultural Division.

Winners in livestock events yesterday were:

Junior Fat Cattle Show and Sale—Lonnie Powell Jr. of Dyersburg, first (sold to Memphis Packing Co., 73 cents a pound); R. Z. Dorris of Cherry Valley, second (sold to Kroger Co., 41 cents a pound); Elgry Burnett of Oakland, Tenn., third (sold to Ellis Commission Co., 41 cents).

Junior Fat Hogs Show and Sale—Erman Porter Jr. of Lucy, first (sold to Kroger Co., 60 cents); Maurice Porter of Lucy, second (sold to Memphis Packing Co., 46 cents); Erman Porter Jr., third (not sold).

Junior Breeding Hogs (Boars)—Aaron Powell of Lucy, first; J. B. Gammon of Marion, Ark., second; Ida Marie Gammon of Marion, third.

Junior Sow and Litter—Albert Thomas of Boxtown, Tenn., first; Cheffie L. Hunt Jr. of Hernando, Miss., second; John Fuller of Nesbitt, Miss., third.

Junior Registered Gilts—Jesse Edwin Glover of Batesville, Miss., first; Clarence Teamer Jr. of Covington, Tenn., second; Prescitt Fisher Jr. of Bartlett, third.

Senior Fat Steers and Heifers—John Johnson of Dyersburg, first; John Townsel of Ellendale, second; Jackson Sanderlin of Stanton, Tenn., third.

Beef Cows—John Townsel, first; Jackson Sanderlin, second and third.

Registered Beef Bulls—Lilon Murrell of Rossville, Tenn., first; John Gammon of Marion, Ark., second; George Dowden of Sardis, Miss., third.

Registered Dairy Bulls—Sidney Caldwell of Byhalia, Miss., first and second; (no third).

Yearling Heifers—Sidney Caldwell, first, second and third.

Dairy Cows, two years or above—Sidney Caldwell, first; Evy Edingbourgh of Memphis, second and third.

Registered Boars—John Gammon, first and second; Theophlus Hatchett of Turrell, Ark., third.

Registered Gilt or Sow—Ernestine Brazzle of Memphis, first; Roscoe McVay of Lucy, second; John Gammon, third.

Fat Hog—Thomas Jefferson of Somerville, Tenn., first; J. T. Coleman of Millington, second; Robert McFerrin of Somerville, third.

Capturing a calf each in the New Farmers of America scramble were: Ivory Brooks of Eads, Howard Phillips of Millington, Henry Hearens of Collierville, Samuel Hughes of Palestine, Ark., Leonard H. Bonds of Selmer, and Nathaniel Wright of Sardis, Miss.

Special Day for Negroes Set at Fair

Negro Achievement Day at the State Fair of Texas will be celebrated Oct. 17 with parades, concerts and Cotton Bowl football, J. W. Rice, secretary-manager of the Dallas Negro Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the special day, said attendance is expected to jump 15,000 over last year's crowd of 183,406.

The day will begin with a parade at 8:30 a.m. Two hours later, at the Magnolia Stage in front of the Fair's Foods Building, the annual baby doll parade will open a program that includes awards to 4-H boys and girls, New Homemakers of America, Boy Scouts and the Texas Interscholastic League of Colored Schools. The State Fair award will go to a nationally known Negro citizen.

Booker T. Washington and Lincoln High Schools will play in the Cotton Bowl at 2 p.m. The Wiley-Prairie View College tilt will get under way at 8 p.m.

In addition, there will be a twins contest at 1:15 p.m., a choral contest at 3 p.m. and a queens' contest at 6:30 p.m.. A flower arrangement contest will high light activities in the Women's Building.